

TROOP 317

Johns Creek, GA

September 2009



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September 2009 – At a Glance

September 1	Troop Meeting/PLC Perimeter Church – 7:00 pm Life to Eagle Huddle Sixth Street Café – 7:00 pm
September 8	Troop Meeting Perimeter Church – 7:00 pm Campout Deadline
September 15	Troop Meeting Perimeter Church – 7:00 pm Open House Sixth Street Café – 7:00 pm
September 18-20	Troop Outing – Silver Comet Bank Parking Lot – 6:00 pm Return Sunday 12:30 pm
September 22	PLC Only Perimeter Church – 7:00 pm
September 29	Troop Meeting Perimeter Church – 7:00 pm Life to Eagle Huddle Sixth Street Café – 7:00 pm

September Campout

Back by popular demand, the September campout is biking *wild applause*! Taking place at the Silver Comet Trail, the scouts will be camping at Rockmart, GA.

Many rumors are circulating among the scouting community. Will Troop 317 see the return of the potato cannon? Will the bikers ride all through the Comet's newly extended trail—all the way to Alabama? And will the Unknown patrol give away the recipe to their famous Secret-Apple-Crisp?

Find out starting at 6:00pm on Friday, September 18!
BE THERE!

Lake Lanier Campout Recap

Friday, 6:00pm: Troop 317 gathers at the RBC Centura Bank Parking lot for a weekend of wet fun. Once the trek has been made, the patrols begin to arrive at their campsite: Scoutland, one of the premium properties of the Northeast Georgia Council, located on Lake Lanier. The Scouts are sure to put up their rainflays, because the lakewater isn't the only thing expected to wet their weekend.

Saturday, Way-Too-Stinking-Early am: Troop 317 divides into different groups, based on their planned activities for the day. Several scouts go swimming, while others explore the lake's swamps and islands via kayak and canoe.

Later in the day, some Scouts travel to a different part of Lake Lanier. There, they board one of the crafts belonging to the Atlanta Area Council Sea Scout Squadron, and spend the afternoon sailing.

Sunday, More reasonable time am: Troop 317 awakens and enjoys a Scout's Own Worship Service, before breaking camp and heading for home.

Popcorn Reminders

Popcorn sales began on August 29. Look forward to cool prizes and cash to the biggest sellers!

1. Be sure that checks are payable to:TROOP 317.
2. Check out the www.trails-end.com or www.atlantabsa.org websites for helpful information about the POPCORN sale!
3. The Troop will receive a 35% profit on all TAKE orders.
4. The Troop will deposit 75% of the 35% profit that a Scout individually earns into his personal Scout Account. For example, if you sell \$1,000 in popcorn, the Troop earns \$350. From that \$350, \$262.50 will be credited to your personal Scout Account!! We had many Scouts add serious money to their accounts last year!

A SCOUT IS THRIFTY

Biblical Love

As part of the Troop 317 discipleship curriculum we cover three primary themes over the course a Scouting year (August through July). In August, September and October of each year we explore what it means to be “a willing minister to God’s people and to the ‘least and the lost.’” A willing minister develops his head, his heart and his hands in order to serve in God’s Kingdom.

Jesus tells us in Matthew 5:9 “Blessed are the peacemakers.” Jesus knew that unresolved conflict leads to unhappiness. He also knew, in this life, we would always have conflict. Otherwise, instead of saying “love your enemies”, He would have said “love everybody” without making a condition on the type of person we are to love. In tackling the development of the heart we will explore biblical love in the context of peacemaking. To do this we will utilize resources offered by author Ken Sande in his great book The Peacemaker. Book information and other great resources on this topic can be found [here](#).

This month’s theme is “Biblical Love”. Here are some passages of Scripture to meditate on related to this month’s theme: 1 Corinthians 10:31, Matthew 7:3-5, Galatians 6:1 Matthew 5:23-24, 1 Timothy 1:15, Matthew 5:9

For more information on Troop 317 discipleship curriculum visit <http://troop317.com/Discipleship> or contact Troop 317’s Chaplain Tony Heringer at tony.heringer@infor.com

Electronics Policy Reminder

Scouts AND Parents: Just as a reminder, Troop 317 has a “No Electronics” policy at all Troop 317 functions. This includes Troop meetings, PLCs, and especially campouts. Electronic devices include music players (CDs, radios, tape players, iPods, MP3 players, etc.), cellphones, electronic games, and other entertainment items.

Troop 317 is not unique in this policy. Many of the Scout Troops with whom we interact also struggle with the distraction that electronics provide. Our world is frantic enough as it is. Having one meeting a week, and one weekend a month where your Scout is not constantly interrupted by beeping, vibrating and music is not a hardship – it’s a blessing!

For convenience and emergencies, every parent can reach their Scout through his ASM, or one of the adult leaders. In addition, there are plenty of phones available for Scouts to call parents, should the need arise.

Parents, thanks for your help with minimizing this hassle.

Campfire Flashback

Nathaniel Kirby of the Wolverines (newly transferred to our Troop from Hawaii) recited this poem at our August campfire.

**Good evening gentlemen, ladies and tramps
Cross eyed mosquitoes and bowlegged ants
I've come here before you to sit down beside you
And tell you a story I don't even know**

**Admission is free you must pay at the door
So pull up a chair and sit on the floor
The show is over but before you go
Let me tell you a story I don't even know**

**One bright day in the middle of the night
Two dead boys got up to fight
Back to back they faced each other
Drew their swords and shot each other
One was blind and the other couldn't see
So they chose a dumb man for a referee
A blind man went to see fair play
A mute man went to shout HURRAY!**

**A deaf policeman heard the noise
He came and killed those two dead boys
A paralyzed donkey walking by
Kicked the policeman in the eye
Sent him into a dry ditch, and drowned them all**

**If you don't believe this lie is true
Ask the blind man, he saw it too!**

Troop 317 Uniform Closet

Getting too big for your uniform? Need a larger uniform? Troop 317 has kicked off our Uniform Closet – and it’s open for business. Scouts who need a larger uniform can donate their old one, and get a larger size. Pants, shirts, belts and socks are all available.

To inquire about available sizes, send an e-mail to laurie_vc@comcast.net.

To donate to the uniform closet, bring your old uniform to any Troop meeting, and give it to one of the Adult leaders.

Newsletter Contributions

If you have a newsletter contribution, contact our Troop Scribe, Caleb Maier, with your article. Thanks!